

President U Thein Sein felicitates Hungarian counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Thein Sein has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Janos Ader, President of Hungary and His Excellency Mr. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of Hungary, which falls on 20 August 2013.—MNA

President U Thein Sein calls for hard work



President U Thein Sein meets people from cooperative societies.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—President U Thein Sein called for hard work to get the country out of the poverty saying there is no such a heal-all solution in his speech at Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Rural Development and Socio-economic Improvement Meeting held this morning.

The meeting at the hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was also attended by Union ministers,

Hluttaw affairs committee members, deputy ministers, officials, representatives of cooperative societies in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and local people.

The President said that the initial capital would be provided to each cooperative society from eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at the ceremony.

A loan of K 720.67 million would be provided

as capital and agricultural machinery worth K 128.245 would also be facilitated to the cooperative societies by the Ministry of operatives, the President said.

The purpose of disbursing loans is part of eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks being initiated by the Ministry of Cooperatives, he said.

Despite prospects for economic development, Myanmar still has high poverty rate, he added. Farmers constitute about 70 percent of population in the country and most of them rely on farming, the President said.

The government gave priority to the agricultural development as it is the pre-requisite for the development of the rural area, the President said. He tipped the mechanized farming for higher incomes of the farmers. He assured that the cooperative societies would be tasked to ensure better supply chain.

He called on the cooperative societies to not only grant loans to farmers but also help them process the crops till they reach marketable level.

He said it takes three-five months to make a crop or paddy marketable,

stressing the need to do combined farming for extra income in the production period. He stressed the need to implement the combined farming as it would in turn contribute to the agriculture. It would help the farmers lead a convenient life, the President added.

Farmers require capital to run integrated farm and the government knows that its provision of K 100,000 is not even enough for it. Therefore, farmers are urged to reshape the farmland, build water inflow and drainage channels and have their farmland registered to use them as security for loans.

Now, farmland registration has been

foreign investments. The larger the number of such factories and industrial zones, the more rural people will move to urban areas where those zones and factories are established, leading to lessen former population. Therefore, agricultural modernization is a must as manpower will be replaced with machine power.

So, it will need tractors, transplanters, harvesters, combined harvester, threshers and dryers. It is hard for farmers to purchase those machines individually because of their prices. Therefore, in cooperation with private businessmen agriculture produce cooperative societies must be set

which would help farmers generate daily income before the harvest time. Each of the entire family can have a job and secure their livelihood if they just put their efforts into such work without idleness.

Due to the lack of capital, some of the poor including the civil servants at lower level not only in rural areas but also in urban regions have to engage in such works like driving taxi, manpowered tricycle and motorbike on hire, and sewing on commission. With mere hand-to-mouth existence, they just can't afford to send their offspring to school and receive medical treatment when they are sick, as they



President U Thein Sein inspects motorbikes sold by instalment to people in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

carried out in all eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw. The registration is the certificate of possession like house grant, enabling farmers to use their farmland as security to ask for bank loans. Therefore, instead of agricultural subsidies, enough bank loans will be provided systematically for farming purpose.

Efforts are being made to build and operate airports, factories, industrial zones and small and medium businesses with local and

up in villages of 500 to 1000 acres of farmland. These societies would be able to purchase farming equipment with local and foreign loans and assistance and provide planting, harvesting and threshing service to farmers.

The machine power has proved to be more cost-effective and less time-consuming in comparison with manpower. As the time could be saved, the extra time can be used on livestock farming,

have no extra money, being obliged to share the certain proportion of the rewards of their grease labour to the owners.

The Cooperatives Ministry is taking actions to help civil servants at lower level to own cars, manpowered tricycles, motor bikes and sewing machines in short time, providing capital loans to them. They are urged to shape their lives themselves,

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President U Thein Sein talks to a farmer who buys a power tiller by instalment from a cooperative society.—MNA

Agriculture

Agricultural farms to distribute quality and marketable crops and seeds to States and Regions

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—A coordination meeting on agriculture sector development, spending allotted funds of the State under the rules and demanding supplementary fund took place at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, on 16 August afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing stressed the need to supervise systematic storage of water at dams

in the rainy season and manage irrigated system for cultivation of summer and cold season crops.

He noted that quality and marketable crops and seeds must be distributed from agricultural farms in States and Regions to the farmers across the nation. It needed to set up seed industries on a wider scale with the concerted efforts of private sector and foreign investment sector, he added.

He continued to say that experts are to coordinate

systematic use of water depending on type of crops by Irrigation and Water Resources Utilization Department. He urged them to make utmost efforts for implementation of the guidance of the President across the states and regions in addition to Nay Pyi Taw Council.

And, he called for organizing the farmers through broadcasting of farmer channel that will be launched soon.

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Farmer educative works undertaken for cultivation of kenaf

KYOUNGGON, 19 Aug—Under the instruction of the Industrial Crops Development Department (Head Office), farmer educative works are being undertaken at the model kenaf plot of farmer U Khway in Meethwaytaik Village of Kyaunggon

Township, Ayeyawady Region, under the arrangement of Ayeyawady Region Industrial Crops Development Department on 12 August morning.

The head of Region Department explained advantages of good agricultural patters for

farmers and replied to queries raised by local farmers. They then visited the plantation.

It was attended by the district head and staff of the department, personnel of Kyaunggon Township department, village authorities and farmers.

Kyemon

Nation-building Endeavours

JICA's survey reaches final stage for Greater Yangon commuter service



YANGON, 19 Aug—Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA has already reached the final stage of collecting the survey data for the transport sector so as to implement urban transport project.

The data were collected for 11 survey sectors in the transport sector.

“Emphasis was placed on conducting the survey for rail transport, waterway and land transportations concerning the transport sector. Now, it reaches final stage. Survey was conducted not only for students but also for personnel using their transport facilities to their

destinations,” said a staff who participated in the survey of transport sector.

The survey project was named Greater Yangon Urban Transport Project. The survey crew collected data for use of transport facility by the people in the area of 10000 houses.

Kyemon-K Thein Swe

Train derailment between Mawlu and Nantsiaung stations

MAWLU, 19 Aug—No 57/58 Mandalay train caused derailment between Mawlu and Nantsiaung stations in Indaw Township of Katha District in Sagaing Region.

Locomotive DF 1342 driven by U Win Ko Ko Aung together with U Aung Aung heading for Myitkyina from Mandalay left Mawlu Station at 8 am on 16 August.

On arrival at mile post

611-6/7 at 8.20 am, the train derailed and stopped at mile post 611-9.

Under close supervision of Mawlu Station superintendent U Soe Lin, engineers and rail track workers repaired

the derailment together with servicemen of local battalion. Thanks to their concerted efforts, the runs of trains came into normalcy at 1 pm.

Kyemon-Khin Maung Swe (Mawlu)

Take Preventive Measures against Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Narcotic drugs on board express buses seized in Nawnghkio

LASHIO, 19 Aug—A squad led by IP Nyein Chan of Nawnghkio Mobile Team from Lashio Anti-Drug Squad searched an express bus led by U Aik Lu heading for Mandalay from Namlam at mile post No 87/5 at the entrance to Nawnghkio on 15 August.

The squad seized one packet of raw opium weighing 655 grams in the plastic bag and 200 WY brand stimulant tablets from passenger Ma Khin

Htay.

The team also searched an express bus driven by U Nyan Lin Aung from Lashio to Mandalay and seized 350 pink stimulant tablets weighing 31.5 grams from passenger Tun Tun Naing.

Nawnghkio Police Station opened files against the drug traffickers under Section 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

Heroin seized on trains by Myanma Railways Police Force

KAWLIN, 19 Aug—According to the drug elimination plan of No 2 Company of Myanma Railway Police Corp in Sagaing Region, a squad together with witnesses searched the suspect namely Aung Hlaing Win, 37 of Bago Village in Mawlu Village-tract in Indaw Township at No 1 seat of No 3 coach of 41-up train from Mandalay to Myitkyina at 11.30 pm on 15 August.

They seized 0.2 gram of heroin which may be heroin from the white plastic bottle hidden in her underwear

worth K 20000.

At the same time, the authorities seized 86.5 grams of heroin in seven soap boxes from Nwe Nwe Khaing, 36 from seat No 2 on coach No 3 of 41-up train at 12.30 pm the same day. The seized heroin from her was worth K 8.65 million.

Myanma Railway Police Corps (Kawlin) opened file of lawsuits against the drug traffickers under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Ko Ko Nyein (Kawlin)

Stimulant tablets, opium worth K 3.1 million seized in Lashio

HSIPAW, 19 Aug—A squad led by IP Tin Htay of Lashio Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (North) together with local police force and witnesses raided the house of



Sai Kyaw Hla in Nampaung Village of Ward 2 on Thanlwin Street in Lashio Township at 8 am on 15 August.

They seized 688 WY brand stimulant tablets, 1.8 kilos of raw opium, 500 millilitres of opium oil

and other materials used in stimulant tablets and opium and K 500,000.

Lashio Myoma Police Station opened a file against Sai Kyaw Hla, 42, of Thanlwin Street in Ward 2 of Lashio Township.

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WORLD

Booming Gibraltar fears new era of sour relations with Spain

GIBRALTAR, 19 Aug—The people of tiny Gibraltar — a wealthy British enclave perched on a rocky outcrop near Spain's southern tip — have a tradition of griping about their big neighbour, which claims the territory as its own. But the tetchy relationship has taken a sharp nosedive as an escalating spat over fishing has interrupted a decade of relative calm, igniting concerns that Gibraltar's tourism and port industries could be hurt.

From Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo's claim that "the party was over" for Gibraltar, to the enclave's

Chief Minister Fabian Picardo comparing Spain's government to totalitarian North Korea, the rhetoric has turned ugly.

"I cannot remember anything quite so tense and language quite so vitriolic," said Bruno Callaghan, owner of Callaghan Insurance company in Gibraltar.

"They've set the clock back 50 years. Whatever happens now, the mistrust is there."

For Gibraltarians and the thousands of Spaniards that stream onto the British outpost every day for work, many of them to build new homes for this overflowing town of 30,000 people,

there is a lot at stake.

It has seen its economy grow steadily since the 1990s, fuelled by online gambling operations and investment funds drawn to the low 10 percent tax on corporate earnings.

Across the border in southern Spain, many city halls are broke and battling joblessness as high as 40 percent. In contrast, Gibraltar has 3 percent unemployment, a budget surplus, and pays tuition for every youngster that gets accepted to a university in the United Kingdom.

Though Britain maintains a military base in Gibraltar, the territory is self

sufficient. One in 10 vehicles in Britain are insured by Gibraltar firms, ships line up to fuel at its port, and 11 million tourists last year enjoyed its balmy weather, rare monkeys and hyper-British pubs festooned with Union Jacks.

Stand-offs with Spain in recent years have erupted over the handful of small commercial fishing boats from the neighbouring Spanish town of La Linea, which regularly cross into shared waters that Gibraltar claims it has the right to manage. Then in July, Gibraltar dumped concrete blocks into a shallow part of the bay to form an artificial reef.

About 30 Spanish fishing boats were circling in protest on Sunday.

Reuters



A well-wisher holds a picture of Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit as she waits for him to leave Siriraj hospital in Bangkok on 1 Aug, 2013. Thailand's 85-year-old King Bhumibol, the world's longest-reigning monarch, is to leave the hospital where he has been for almost four years to live at his palace by the sea, a government official said on Wednesday.

REUTERS



Supporters of Turkey's Prime Minister Erdogan cheer as he addresses the members of parliament from his ruling AK Party during a meeting at Turkish parliament in Ankara.

REUTERS

Heavy rain brings floods to Philippines; markets, offices shut

MANILA, 19 Aug—Heavy rain in the Philippine capital forced the closure of government offices, schools, banks and most private companies on Monday, and residents in parts of the city and nearby prov-

inces had to flee from their homes because of floods.

The monsoon rain, intensified by tropical storm Trami, also led to the closure of the Philippine Stock Exchange, the Philippine Dealing System foreign exchange platform and the secondary debt market via the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp after government offices suspended their work.

At least three people were killed and two were missing in accidents caused by the rain and flooding, disaster and government officials said. The flooding was the worst this rainy season in the Philippines, which is regularly battered by heavy weather including

at least 20 typhoons a year.

The governor of Cavite province, southwest of Manila, declared a state of calamity after 395 mm of rain fell on parts of the province in a day, equivalent to 86 percent of a month's average rainfall. That and a high tide caused flooding in many parts of the province.

Santa Rosa town in Laguna province also declared a state of calamity, with most of its neighbourhoods flooded, said its mayor, Arlene Arcillas.

Weather forecasters said more rain was expected in coming days as tropical storm Trami moved north towards Taipei.

Reuters

Ohio man finds load of marijuana stashed in gun safe

TOLEDO, (Ohio), 19 Aug—A man in western Ohio found nearly 300 pounds of marijuana stuffed into a Mexican-made gun-storage safe that he recently purchased on the Internet, authorities revealed on Sunday. The 1,000-pound steel safe, ordered from Champion Safe Co of Provo, Utah, was made in Nogales, Mexico, and shipped by truck from Mexico to Champion's warehouse near Mansfield, Ohio, Shelby County Sheriff John Lenhart said.

Reuters



People look at the damage at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Ghazaliya district on 17 Aug, 2013.

Two bomb attacks targeting civilians in the Iraqi capital killed six and wounded 17, Iraqi police sources said.

REUTERS

Google offers online collection of items on display at A-bomb museums

HIROSHIMA, 19 Aug—Internet search giant Google Inc unveiled on Monday an online collection of items displayed at museums in Hiroshima and Nagasaki documenting the 1945 US atomic bombings of the cities.

It is the first time Japanese facilities have been featured on Google's Cultural Institute multimedia site which provides the public with free access to photos and videos capturing historic moments.

On display are 55 photographs from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, including one of a pocket watch that stopped at 8:15 am, the time the bomb detonated, and 177 photographs and videos from the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum including some of Urakami Cathedral about 500 meters from the hypocenter.

"It is now possible

for people who cannot come directly to Hiroshima to share our desire for the elimination of nuclear weapons," Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui said at a ceremony marking the online release of the records. A Google official expressed hope that the online collection would

be able to permanently preserve "valuable documents." The project that began last year displays more than 6 million items from 40 museums in 14 countries, including items featuring the Auschwitz concentration camp and the fall of the Berlin Wall.—Kyodo News



Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui (C) cuts the ribbon during a ceremony with the Atomic Bomb Dome in the background in the city of Hiroshima on 19 Aug, 2013, as Internet search giant Google Inc. unveiled the same day an online collection of items displayed at museums in Hiroshima and Nagasaki documenting the 1945 US atomic bombings of the cities. —KYODO NEWS

Huge donation awaits UK Treasury — but there's hitch

LONDON, 19 Aug—An anonymous half-million pound bequest to Britain has mushroomed to 350 million pounds (\$546 million) since it was made 85 years ago, trustee Barclays Bank said on Saturday - but London lawmakers can not

get their hands on it.

The donor left the money in 1928, but said it should only be handed over once Britain had amassed enough funds to pay off its entire national debt, which now totals 1.2 trillion pounds. —Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



The file photo taken on 3 July, 2013 shows a staff member (R) of China Mobile shows to customers how to surf the Internet using the 4G technology in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province.—XINHUA

Hungarian new airline's first leased plane lands in Budapest

BUDAPEST, 19 Aug—The first plane in the fledgling Solyom (the name means falcon) Hungarian Airways backed by unnamed Omani and Emirati investors landed in Budapest on Sunday.

The Boeing 737-500 is the first of six craft leased from the British company European Aviation Group, and is envisaged to mark the re-start of a Hungarian airline.

Hungary has been without a flagship carrier since early 2012, when the national airline Malev folded. Solyom is privately

owned.

Solyom plans to take to the air as a charter carrier initially, until all permits and operator certificates are in hand and all six aircraft are in Budapest, to enable it to begin scheduled flights. Tickets are not yet on sale but scheduled flights are envisaged to begin in early October.

Solyom CEO Jozsef Vago said that the new airline would initially fly its six aircraft to 22 destinations, including six European capitals.

According to press reports, Solyom plans to

reach full capacity in 2017 with some fifty craft. It is envisaged as a full-service carrier and not a discount airline.

The airline announced early in August that it would be hiring, and after saying that it had received ten times more applications than the number of jobs available, its website reported that it would not accept any further applications.

The start-up Boeings were built in 1990, 1991, and 1992 and have been refurbished.

One of Solyom's main

Bangladesh scientists decode local jute genome

DHAKA, 19 Aug—A team of Bangladeshi scientists have successfully decoded the genome sequence of a local variety of jute plant, opening up a new vista in the development of the golden fibre.

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made the announcement at a Press briefing amid cheers and desk thumping by officials on Sunday here in capital Dhaka.

Maksudul Alam, a professor of the University of Hawaii, who earlier decod-

ed the genome of papaya in the US and rubber plant in Malaysia, led from the forefront in sequencing the jute genome. "Decoding of the genome is a great success for Bangladesh," Hasina said congratulating the discoverer of the genome sequence, scientist Alam, and his team members.

With this discovery, she said jute is expected to regain its lost glory of being the golden fibre.

Experts said the discoveries would help improve the fibre length and

quality, including colors and strength, and develop high yielding, saline soil- and pest-tolerant jute varieties through genetic engineering.

The group of Bangladeshi scientists have recently also found the genetic history of a fungus which causes at least 30 percent loss in Tossa (Corchorus olitorius) variety of jute.

In 2010, the Bangladeshi scientists had succeeded in unveiling the genome sequencing of Tossa jute.—Xinhua



Solyom (the name means falcon) Hungarian Airways' first aircraft, a Boeing 737-500, is greeted after its landing at Liszt Ferenc International Airport in Budapest, Hungary on 18 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

competitors will be Hungarian discount airline Wizz Air that has been in operation for a decade and currently owns 43 planes —

Airbuses averaging 4 years or less in age — and flies to 93 destinations in 32 countries. Wizz Air is also based in Budapest.—Xinhua

Cuba testing dengue vaccine on animals

HAVANA, 19 Aug—Cuba is testing a recombinant vaccine against dengue fever on animals, which is considered to be one of the most advanced projects of its kind, compared to other pre-clinical studies undertaken at the international level, a Cuban scientist said on Friday.

The vaccine is composed of a protein that works by inducing cells to generate neutralizing antibodies, said Aliens Izquierdo Oliva, a member of the National Dengue Vaccine Project.

"If we have neutralizing antibodies, then we will have protection," said Izquierdo,

who is participating in the ongoing 13th International Course on Dengue and its Control at Havana's Pedro Kouri Institute of Tropical Medicine.

The vaccine is currently undergoing preclinical studies on mice and monkeys, marking the last stage of test trials on animals before clinical trials can begin on humans, the scientist said, adding "so far (the vaccine) has proven to be effective in controlling the replication of the virus in these animals, demonstrating the potential to protect against the disease."—Xinhua

Nine utilities in Japan fail to achieve CO2 emissions cut targets

TOKYO, 19 Aug—Nine utilities in Japan have failed to meet their self-imposed targets of reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the five years to fiscal 2012 by an average of 20 percent from 1990 levels, an industry body said Monday.

The failure to meet the targets is mainly due to the utilities' reliance on non-nuclear thermal power generation in the wake of the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi complex triggered by the 11 March, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in north-eastern Japan.

The nine utilities are

Tohoku Electric Power Co, Hokuriku Electric Power Co, Shikoku Electric Power Co, Hokkaido Electric Power Co, Tokyo Electric Power Co, Kansai Electric Power Co, Kyushu Electric Power Co, Chubu Electric Power Co, and Chugoku Electric Power Co. Based on the tally of the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan,

the combined CO2 reduction rate of Japan's 10 utilities, including Okinawa Electric Power Co which does not operate nuclear power plants, stood at only 2.6 percent.

Japan is, however, still likely to achieve its target of cutting CO2 emissions by 6 percent from 1990 levels as required by the Kyoto Protocol.—Kyodo News

3,000-year-old nomad shields excavated in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 19 Aug—Archaeologists have excavated a set of stone shields in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region which they believe were used in sacrifices by nomads nearly 3,000 years ago.

The shields were discovered by Huahaizi (sea of flowers) Lake in the Altai mountains, which borders Mongolia. The lake shore meadow is home to huge stone relics, including what archaeologists believe to be the largest temple of sun on

the Eurasian steppe. The area is strewn with numerous deer stones.

The shields are pentagonal stones, one with a circle carved in the center, surrounded by a herringbone pattern.

"Initial researches show the shields could date back to the late Bronze Age, roughly 3,000 years ago," said Lyu Enguo, researcher with Xinjiang's archaeological institute.

Lyu describes the discovery as a "breakthrough" for research on the life of

Sony develops new online data accumulation system

TOKYO, 19 Aug—Sony Corp said on Monday it has developed a new security-enhanced online data accumulation system that will enable pharmacists to check the prescription records of their patients.

Under the new system, a patient's personal information, such as their name and date of birth, is stored on a FeliCa non-contact smart card. This is then used to access their prescription history, which is stored in a cloud system.

Under the existing system, personal information and medical history are stored together in a cloud system, which leaves them both open to hacking.

Around 200 pharmacies in Kawasaki, Kanagawa Prefecture, will introduce the new system on a trial basis this fall, Sony said.

The new system allows pharmacists to examine the prescription history of their patients and allows them not to duplicate prescriptions if the patient has been to a number of different clinics, Sony said.

Users can use a mobile device such as their smartphone to get information on their prescriptions, check when to take their drugs and inform the pharmacist of any side effects.

Information on the prescribed drugs and their possible side effects will be accumulated in the cloud computing systems, and can be provided to local governments and pharmaceutical companies, Sony said.—Kyodo News

Orbi Yokohama, an audiovisual museum showcasing content produced by BBC Earth — BBC Worldwide's global natural history brand — and the technology of Japanese video game company Sega Corp opens in Yokohama, near Tokyo, on 19 Aug, 2013. KYODO NEWS



BUSINESS & HEALTH

China shares slip after Friday's gyrations, pulls Hong Kong lower

HONG KONG, 19 Aug — China shares slipped on Monday morning with investors staying cautious after a trading glitch at a Chinese brokerage caused a chaotic on Friday, while Hong Kong shares eased awaiting hints on what direction mainland markets will take.

The CSI300 of the leading Shanghai and Shenzhen A-share listings went into the midday trading break down 0.3 percent at 2,297.74 points. The Shanghai Composite Index was down 0.2 percent.

The Hang Seng Index edged down 0.2 percent at 22,479.44 points, while the China Enterprises Index eased 0.2 percent.

On Friday, Mainland indexes unexpectedly soared after heavy buying

by China Everbright Securities Co. — blamed on a trading-system glitch — and then prices collapsed.

"Investors have already digested the impact from Everbright and treated it as a single incident," said Ben Kwong, chief operating officer at KGI Asia Ltd.

Chinese securities remained weak in the wake of Friday's volatility, during which the Shanghai Composite Index was up more than 5 percent at one point. Trading in Everbright's shares will resume on Tuesday.

Everbright said it will not sell shares purchased as a result of Friday's internal trading error until further notice.

Southwest Securities led declines in brokerage on Monday with a 6.3 per-

cent drop. Huatai Security fell 3.3 percent to its lowest in three weeks, while Haitong Security was down 3.5 percent. Chinese property counters were down due to renewed concerns Beijing may take further steps to cool the market after Beijing and Shanghai's July home prices posted their fastest annual growth this year.

China Vanke, the country's largest developer by sales, fell 0.8 percent, while smaller rival China Overseas Land was down 1.6 percent and Longfor Properties declined 2.4 percent.

In Hong Kong, Russia's United Company RUSAL Plc fell 4.9 percent to a record low at HK\$2.32 per share after the world's largest aluminium produc-

er swung to a loss of \$208 million in the three months ended June as global aluminium makers struggle with a supply glut.

Shares of Parkson Retail Group Ltd tumbled 9.4 percent after the Chinese department store operator posted a 38 percent drop in first half net profit. If the full session's drop is that big, it will be the stock's largest one-day loss since January 2009.

Bucking a weak tone, Chinese internet and technology counters rose after Beijing said on Saturday it will boost investments in fiber and wireless networks to stimulate consumption and drive economic growth.

Hong Kong-listed Netdragon Websoft Inc rose 5.2 percent after it said it will drop plans to list its appstore unit 91 Wireless after selling it to China's top search engine Baidu Inc for \$1.85 billion, the biggest acquisition deal in China's IT sector. —Reuters

Fed minutes, euro zone surveys to point the way

LONDON, 19 Aug — A blend of past and present holds the key this week to gauging global economic prospects. Month-old minutes from the Federal Reserve could offer hints on when the US central bank will scale back its extraordinary stimulus and up-to-date sentiment indicators will help track momentum in the reviving euro zone.

The single currency area ended an 18-month recession last quarter, growing 0.3 percent, and August business surveys are likely to show the modest recovery is slowly broadening out. As well as a further rise in the euro zone composite purchasing managers' index (PMI), economists expect readings for the area-wide service sector and for French manufacturing to have punched through the no-change mark of 50 to



Photographers crowd around the Best of Show winner, a 1934 Packard 1108 Twelve Dietrich Convertible Victoria, owned by Joseph Cassini, at the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, California, on 18 Aug, 2013. The Concours tops a week-long celebration of automobiles and car culture on the Monterey Peninsula.—REUTERS

BPA, phthalates tied to kids' weight, diabetes risk

NEW YORK, 19 Aug — Children exposed to two chemicals commonly used in food packaging are more likely to be obese or show signs of diabetes precursors than those with lower exposure, new research suggests. Researchers found urine levels of one type of phthalate, used to soften

plastic, were tied to a higher risk of insulin resistance among teenagers.

Based on data from the same large nutrition survey, another study group linked bisphenol A, or BPA — used to line aluminum cans — to obesity and larger waists in youth.

Reuters

New ban on New Zealand dairy products bound for China

WELLINGTON, 19 Aug — More New Zealand milk products bound for China have been halted after elevated levels of nitrates were found, raising further concerns over quality and testing in the world's largest dairy exporter in the wake of a contamination scare earlier this month. New Zealand's agricultural regulator said on Monday it has revoked export certificates for four China-bound consignments of lactoferrin manufactured by Westland Milk Products after higher-than-acceptable nitrate levels were found by tests in China. — Reuters

A 1975 Lincoln Towne Coupe customized with a horse and rider is displayed during the Concours d'Lemons in Seaside, California, on 17 Aug, 2013. The event, which highlights the "oddballs" of the automotive world, is held in conjunction with the Pebble Beach Automotive Week which includes the Concours d'Elegance.—REUTERS



Zimbabweans queue to cast their ballots in the country's general elections in Harare, on 31 July, 2013. Zimbabweans began voting in a fiercely contested election pitting President Robert Mugabe against Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, who has vowed to push Africa's oldest leader into retirement after 33 years in power.—REUTERS

Indian, Indonesian currencies come under fire

SYDNEY, 19 Aug — India's currency cartwheeled to historic lows on Monday while markets in Indonesia took a spill, evidence of how rising US yields are making it harder for emerging nations to fund their current account deficits.

The turbulence heightened investor caution ahead of Wednesday's minutes of the Federal Reserve's last policy meeting, with many fearing they might only add to the confusion about when it might scale back stimulus. That helped gold reach its highest in two months, while keeping share markets constrained across Asia.

In Europe, Britain's FTSE futures inched up 0.2 percent in early deals. The German DAX futures were down 0.04 percent, as bund yields climbed to the highest since early 2012.

The Indian rupee slid as far as 62.50 per dollar, emphatically breaching the previous low of 62.03. The share market lost 1.4 percent, on top of a 4 percent

drubbing last Friday.

The currency has been hurt by investor frustration at the slow pace of economic reform in India, which has made it harder for the country to finance its hefty current account shortfall.

The Reserve Bank of India has tried to restrict how much Indian residents and companies can send offshore, but that only raised fears of outright capital controls that would further undermine the confidence of foreign investors.

"The foreign investor community want tangible and ambitious reforms that look and feel like a worthy 'second generation' to the fundamental measures adopted in the early 1990s," Westpac analysts said in a note. They also found it "curious" the central bank would be fighting against a depreciation in the rupee given that it would help boost exports and limit imports over time.

Indonesia's rupiah shed 0.9 percent to four-year lows at 10,475 per

dollar, with share and bond markets weakening in the wake of data showing a sharp widening in the country's current account deficit.

The task of attracting funding for these shortfalls has become ever tougher as investors priced in a start to Fed tapering and pushed up US market rates.

Yields on 10-year Treasury debt were up near two-year highs at 2.87 percent on Monday, putting upward pressure on borrowing costs across the globe.

The strain showed in MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan which fell 0.5 percent. It had ended last week with gains of 1.45 percent, but that merely recovered ground lost during the previous two weeks.

Stocks in Shanghai rebounded to be up 0.6 percent, The Korean market eased 0.1 percent but Thai shares shed 1.2 percent as data there showed the economy slipped into recession last quarter. —Reuters

Greek current account surplus widens in June, helped by tourism

ATHENS, 19 Aug — Greece's current account surplus widened in June, helped by a smaller trade gap and surging tourism receipts, the Bank of Greece (BOGr.AT) said on Monday.

The current account balance, a key measure of economic competitiveness, showed a surplus of 663 million euros (\$884 million) from 73.1 million euros in the same month last year.

Tourism receipts, the country's biggest money earner, rose 21 percent year-on-year to 1.59 billion euros in June. This brings total tourism receipts in the first half of the year to 3.32 billion euros, up 18 percent compared with the same period last year.—Reuters

Texas issues measles alert

HOUSTON, 19 Aug—Health authorities in the US state of Texas have issued a measles alert due to a sharp increase of cases this year.

About a dozen people have been confirmed to have measles in Texas so far this year, local media outlet Houston Chronicle on Sunday quoted state health authorities as saying.

Texas had six reported cases of measles in 2011, while no cases were reported in 2012, according to the report.

Given the alarming

rise, state health officials are urging immunization and asking health care providers to watch for potential exposures and patients with measles symptoms, especially in North Texas.

Measles can be spread by contact with an infected person through coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose and red eyes.

The disease is highly contagious, and 90 percent of people without immunity sharing living space with an infected person will catch it, according to health officials.—Xinhua



High levels of toxic PCBs found in mongoose near US bases in Okinawa

TOKYO, 19 Aug — Japanese researchers have detected high levels of toxic polychlorinated biphenyls in mongooses found near two US military bases in Okinawa in a recent study.

The team of researchers from Ehime University and Okinawa's Meio University told *Kyodo News* the source of the pollution was likely to be transformers or other products containing PCBs, and said further studies are necessary given that nearby residents and other creatures could have been contaminated as well.

The discovery points to the need for a thorough investigation into how

products containing PCBs have been and are currently used. US bases in Okinawa are said to have a lot of equipment that still contains PCBs.

The team studied seven mongooses that were either killed in traffic accidents or captured for studies on their habitats near the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station and Makimino Service Area (Camp Kinser), both on Okinawa Island, in August and September 2008. Their bodies were preserved for the purposes of further study.

The researchers found up to 890 nanograms of mono-ortho PCBs, a specific type of PCB with high

toxicity similar to dioxin, per gram of liver fat, and an average of 310 ng, both higher than levels reported in mongooses in other parts of Okinawa or in cats, wild boars and raccoons elsewhere in Japan.

Mongooses were chosen for the study because they have a relatively narrow range of movement and are thought to be more likely to reflect local pollution, and also because they live close to residential areas in Okinawa.

Dioxin was also detected in all seven mongooses, but the concentration was almost the same as in land mammals in other areas, leading the group to assume

that areas around their habitats are contaminated with the toxic PCBs.

PCBs are known for their non-flammability, high boiling point, electrical insulating properties and chemical stability and were widely used in transformers, paints and plastic, carbonless copy paper and a host of other applications.

Their manufacture and use were banned in most countries, including Japan, in the 1970s due mainly to their toxicity, but there have been some environmental problems with PCBs in products made before the ban.

Kyodo News



A woman visits the ancient Temple of Zeus in Athens on 2 July, 2013.—REUTERS

S Korea allows four N Koreans' entry to attend UN event

SEOUL, 19 Aug—South Korea has decided to allow three North Korean young people and their adult leader to visit the southern city of Gwangju this week to attend a United Nations event for international youths, South Korea's Unification Ministry said Monday.

The North Koreans are scheduled to arrive in South Korea by air via Beijing on Wednesday and to leave on

4 September, said the ministry in charge of handling relations with North Korea.

The event will run at a university in the South Korean city from 21 Aug to 3 Sept.

The event they are to take part in is the Youth Leadership Program to be jointly organized by the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace and the 2015 Gwangju Universiade

Organizing Committee.

Yonhap News Agency said the UN event aims to educate adolescents from war-stricken countries or developing regions in such fields as health, education, disability, gender equality and peace.

The event was first held in Doha, Qatar, last year, and Gwangju city will host the event every year until 2015.—*Kyodo News*

Taipei, Japan museums to sign contract for exhibits in Japan

TAIPEI, 19 Aug — Taiwan and Japan will sign a contract in Taipei next month to allow exhibits in Japan of ancient Chinese artifacts from Taipei's National Palace Museum next year, officials said on Monday.

Lee Chia-chin, chairman of the Association of East Asian Relations — the semi-official agency handling the island's relations with Japan in the absence of diplomatic ties — told *Kyodo News* that

Taipei's National Palace Museum and the Tokyo National Museum will sign a contract on the upcoming exhibits at the Taiwanese museum on 25 September. According to Lee, the chairman of the Interchange Association in Japan, Mitsuo Ohashi, has been invited to the event.

About 200 Chinese artifacts will be selected for the exhibitions, which will be held at the Tokyo National Museum for 12 weeks from

June to September 2014 and eight weeks at the Kyushu National Museum in Fukuoka Prefecture from October to November the same year, according to the officials.

During a visit to Japan last month, Taipei's legislative speaker Wang Jin-pyng told reporters that the upcoming exhibits might include a century-old jadeite carved into the shape of a cabbage or the Meat-shaped Stone, two of the museum's so-called "Three Treasures," should the Tokyo National Museum in return lend some of its best artifacts and artwork for a 2017 exhibition in Taipei.

Kyodo News

US, S Korea forces begin joint exercise

SEOUL, 19 Aug—South Korea and the United States on Monday began their annual two-week joint military exercise, according to the two countries' Combined Forces Command.

The exercise, Ulchi Freedom Guardian, is scheduled to last 12 days.

Yonhap News Agency said the exercise mobilizes about 50,000 South Korean forces and approximately 30,000 US servicemen, including some 3,000 from the mainland and other bases in the Pacific region.

It is intended to examine the combined forces' ability to ensure security on the Korean Peninsula and maintain the joint defense capacities between the two allies. The training is expected to include defense drills against North Korean provocations and cyber attacks that target the military network as well as contingencies involving weapons of mass destruction.

Meanwhile, President Park Geun Hye convened a National Security Council meeting Monday in conjunction with the start of the joint military exercise.

"Preparing for national contingencies is the most essential part for national security and the safety of the people," Park said during the meeting held at the presidential office, according to *Yonhap*.

"We cannot be negligent on that even for a moment," she told attendants at the meeting. Top-ranking officials responsible for national security attended Monday's meeting.

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Damaged houses are seen at the flooded area in Billi Wala, a village near eastern Pakistan's Gujranwala on 18 Aug, 2013. At least 108 people have been killed and several others injured in separate accidents triggered off by incessant rains across Pakistan since the beginning of this month, officials said on Sunday evening.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Sinking tube-well at Meiktila
BEHS No 1

MEIKTILA, 19 Aug—For the students to have access to safety water, Meiktila District Water Resources Utilization Department of Mandalay Region is sinking a tube-well in the compound of Basic Education High School No 1.

“We are sinking one four-inch diameter and 500 feet deep tube-well at BEHS No 1. The district department has spent K 1.6 million and fuel on

sinking the tube-well. It was aimed at enabling the students to sufficiently get safety water,” said Assistant Director U Aye Myint of District Water Resources Utilization Department. A natural water tank and one modern water purifier have been installed at Meiktila Basic Education High School No 1 with the use of water from Meiktila Lake.

Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

Monsoon football tourney
kicks off in Putao Tsp

PUTAO, 19 Aug—A ceremony to launch the inter-village-tract/ward monsoon football tournament for the cup of Machanbaw Township Administrator of Kachin State was held at the township people's

sports ground on 15 August afternoon.

A total of 13 men's football teams from wards and village-tracts are taking part in the tournament.

Kyemon-Phon Kan (Putao)

Automobile donated to Pathein
Sasana Service Group

PATHEIN, 19 Aug—A ceremony to donate Alphard vehicle was held at Daw Hla Yin Dhammayon at Shwemokhtaw Pagoda in Pathein on 11 August.

Thiri Pyanchi U Maung Maung Swe (Chairman of Social Development Committee of Pyithu

Hluttaw)-Daw Tin Tin Nwe and family donated the car to be used in religious affairs to Pathein Township Sasana Service Group. Kontha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vilasa and Sayadaws shared merits gained.

Kyemon-Pathein Hla Kyi

Nation-building Endeavours

Feasibility studies conducted
for construction of Pathein
deep seaport

YANGON, 19 Aug—Myanmar has planned to construct deep seaports to be able to transport commodities and import goods. At present, feasibility studies will be conducted in Ayeyawady Region to build Pathein Deep Seaport.

“We have signed an MoU with a company from Singapore to build a deep seaport recently. Feasibility studies will be conducted in coming November by the Singaporean company,” said an official of Myanma Port Authority.

The MoU signing ceremony was held on 5 August.

According to the MoU, the feasibility studies must be conducted within three months.

The Singaporean company will spend the cost on study works.

Pathein Deep Seaport will be constructed near Ngayokkaung Village between Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beaches in Ayeyawady Region.

As Pathein Special Economic Zone is being established in the area, the companies at home and abroad are preparing to join the establishment.

Pathein Deep Seaport is one of the sectors of implementing the Special Economic Zone Project.

The Special Economic Zone will comprise three industrial zones and tourism project including Pathein Deep Seaport.

The special economic zone will be located on 3037 hectares of land and the construction will be completed by 2025.

MMAL-Maung Maung Myint Swe

Rural development tasks
clarified

GANGAW, 19 Aug—A ceremony to clarify progress of rural development tasks in Gangaw Township of Magway Region was held at the Township General

Administration Department on 15 August.

Township level officials explained development tasks of the township.

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Self-reliant road under
construction

SINGAING, 19 Aug—An earthen road between Hthanthonbin Village and Thabyeyoe Village in Singaing Township is under construction.

For construction of the road, under the aegis of Hthanthonbin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jatila and Moebye Reservoir Kan U Zedi Pagoda Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumana in Pekhon Township, U Kyaw Win-Daw Myint Myint Than (Mann Myay Yazar Service Family) donated K 5 million and local people.

The inter-village road is about 7000 feet long and 14 feet wide. For the first phase, the road section from Hthanthonbin Village to University of Computer

Studies (Taohn) will be built.

The construction will be completed on 21 August.

Lamp-posts will be erected along the road for electrification of the local people.

The construction committee has received the permits from the Township Administrator and the Mandalay Region Chief Minister.

Wellwishers are ready to make donations for the construction.

Local people are actively taking part in the construction.

Upon construction of the road, the local people will have easy to Hthanthonbin Village of Singaing Township in a short time.

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Outbreak of Fire

Fire engulfs 22 houses in Mayangon Tsp

YANGON, 19 Aug—An outbreak of fire in Mayangon Township at 00.15 am on 17 August caused 251 people young and adult from 28 households homeless.

The fire started at the house of UKhin Aung at No 82 on Mya Sabei Street in Ward 8 in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region.

The house was 10 x 40 feet two-storey building.

A dutiful people informed the Fire Brigade of outbreak of fire at 00.20 am.

In a few minutes, fire trucks from

Yangon Region arrived at the scene one after another to put out the fire.

A total of 22 houses were destroyed in the fire. In addition, U Aye Hlaing, 48 and Maung Win Tun,

35 were injured in the fire. They were sent to North Okkalapa Township Hospital by members of Red Cross Brigade.

Under the supervision of Deputy Director-

General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Myanmar Fire Brigade, over 400 members of Fire Services Department and Auxiliary Fire Brigade put out the fire with the use of 44 fire trucks, two fire engines, four management vehicles and Red Cross vehicle, four supporting vehicles and over 100,000 gallons of water.

Outbreak of fire could be controlled at 00.40 am and totally put out at 00.50 am.

Mayangon Township Police Force opened a file against house owner U Khin Aung.

Fire victims are being accommodated at the relief camp at State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Waizayanta Street in Ward 8 of Mayangon Township.

MMAL-Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine) and Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 20 August, 2013

For regional and global peace and security

The government in office welcomes international assistance to strengthen civil-military relationship in the country as the current transition to democracy from military rule calls for adjustment from security sectors, including from the Armed Forces. This is of vital importance for the accomplishment of the country's ongoing political reforms and transition.

In actual fact, the transformation of Myanmar is beyond compare. Maybe it is a very rare event that a country trying to change from authoritarianism to democracy and from a state-dominated and -isolated economy to a free economy tied to global markets, whereas at the same time is on its mission of ending a number of diverse armed conflicts.

Under such circumstances and hardships, one of its most imperative motives and intentions in this reform process is to create a better future for our new generation. In this regard, the country will go forward with its people-centered development programs and lay necessary foundations for the new government that will be democratically elected in the coming 2015 elections.

The incumbent government is so much keen for international engagement in boosting security cooperation regionally and globally. This is the government's dedication towards promoting greater ties between Myanmar and many other nations. Under the current transition, Myanmar will enshrine its cooperation with international community not only to strengthen its internal security institutions but also to actively involve in international security. Enhancing technical capability in ceasefire implementation will be helpful to develop the current peace process.

In 2014 Myanmar will undertake the chairmanship of ASEAN. It is a great responsibility. And it signals Myanmar's eagerness to rejoin fully with the family of nations. In this context, the country is looking forward not only to managing its own transformation but becoming a responsible member of the international community, helping to do its share for regional and global peace and security and economic prosperity.

Mandalay Job Fair to be organized on 24-25 August

MANDALAY, 19 Aug —The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Welfare and Pan Yazarwin Company will jointly organize 2013 Mandalay Job Fair at the city hall on 24-25 August, according to Director U Pyae Phy Maung of the Pan Yazarwin Company.

“Experienced lecturers will give talks on legal affairs, ethics and expectations on employers and employees. We will

provide free employment services.

The Labour Exchange Office will provide labour registration services,” he added.

U Aye Kyu, U Myint Than, Daw Mya Kay Thway Maung, U Ye Myat Thu, U Zarni and U Aung Kyaw Soe will give talks on employment.

For more information, one may contact U Pyae Phy Maung at 0991049802.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Devil to be cast out from archaeological zone

Bagan was established around AD-900, comprising 19 large villages and over 1000 rural areas. The first city-state of Bagan was established at Yone-Hlut Island east of Tu-ywin Mountain, the second city-state at Thiripitsaya and the third one at Phwar-Saw (Thamahti).

There are 55 kings in the Bagan Dynasty. King Anawrahta, (AD 1044-1077), (416-439 ME), the 42nd king of Bagan Dynasty, founded the first Myanmar at Bagan-NyaungU and pagodas and stupas representing Buddhist cultural heritage were built during his reign. Therefore, Bagan Region has become the cultural heritage of Myanmar today, attracting tourists.

Tourist arrivals to Bagan reached at 102587 in 2011, 162946 in 2012 and 107554 from January to August 10 in 2013. Meanwhile, crimes targeted at tourists were dismantled in the archaeological zone. A crime is contrary to Myanmar's culture and Myanmar's society is intolerance to the crimes.



Policewomen on patrol at Bagan ancient region.

tour (FIT) than packaged tour arranged by tour companies. Independent foreign travellers tour around famous pagodas and ancient ones located in deserted areas by bicycle, and sometimes, they, putting their bags in the basket of

confessed that he struck a female tourist three times near the Sulegon Pagoda and exchanged the dollars he took from her with Myanmar kyats at NyaungU Myoma Market. The team also seized the dollars from the market.

It is found that looters

The criminal cases in Bagan archaeological zone have tarnished the Myanmar's centuries-old reputation such as hospitality, honesty and openness. As the country has opened up, foreign visitors are going to flow into tourist attractions in Myanmar.

In attempts to prevent such kind of crimes in Bagan-NyaungU, a team comprising police officers from the security force for tourists, met with local authorities, responsible personnel from the Hoteliers Association, tour guides society, tour agencies and NGOs, and sought their cooperation for providing security to tourists. Besides, the team also sent more three vehicles, 10 motorbikes, 10 bicycles and mobile phones and communication equipment to the security guards in Bagan-NyaungU and has reinforced them.

Security guards are making regular patrols by day and night, providing security to tourists in Bagan-NyaungU and foreign travelers are touring around Bagan peacefully. As part of efforts for development of tourism industry and achieving success in providing security to tourists, local authorities, NGOs and people are also obliged to take part in implementing the rule of law in Bagan-NyaungU. Only when foreign travelers enjoy safety and peace during their visits, will the tourism industry be booming and benefit the local people who are relying on tourism for their livelihood.

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By Ye Gone Myint

their bicycles, ride bicycles along the streets where no lampposts are erected.

In one case, a female tourist from France was attacked by a looter and sustained injuries in the clash with the looter around 6.50 pm on 3 August,

have been preying on female tourists and looted them while they are touring individually the deserted places not to be defended against them. People near the scenes cannot easily understand the situation due to language barrier when a



Policewomen discharging security duty for tourists in Bagan.

In five cases of looting happened during seven months from February to August, 2013, female tourists were looted while they were riding bicycles. The looters on motorbikes took their bags put in the baskets of bicycle while riding and run away. In another cases in the same period, tourists were looted while they were visiting deserted ancient pagodas in Bagan.

Most of the tourists who visit Bagan are on foreign independent

2013. The looter took her passport, some US dollar and Myanmar kyat notes, a credit card and an air ticket. She opened a file at Myoma Police Station in NyaungU under the Section 386 of the Criminal Law.

A combined team comprising police from the station and members of tourist security squad, managed to arrest the suspect namely Ye Min Soe (a) Myo Min Oo from Milaungphyia Village in NyaungU Township. During the investigation, the suspect

victim asks help from them, and looters can easily take cameras, i-phones, laptops and foreign currencies from tourists and can manage to flee the scene easily as there are streets, lanes and bushes in the deserted places.

To provide security to tourists, Myanmar Police Force expanded its security force for foreign travelers on 12 March, 2013, posting them at tourist attractions in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Nyaungshwe. Out of seven cases, two were exposed.

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein awards winners in Central Level English Language Competition for Students

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The prize-presenting ceremony of the Central Level English Language Competition for Students from Universities, Degree Colleges and Colleges was held at MICC, here, at 3 pm today.

It was attended by President U Thein Sein,

partners, the directors-general, rectors, principals and students.

On the occasion, the first-prize winners from the essay contests read out their winning essays and those from the impromptu talk contest staged their performance respectively.

Next, Union Minister

been teaching Myanmar teachers of English at the National Centre for English Language in Yangon. To develop the quality of the students, the Straightforward

Higher Education Level Competition can participate in the Central Level Competition. The Central Level Impromptu Talk Competition was held in



Vice-President U Nyan Tun presents prize to a winner in Central Level English Language Competition for Students.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham awards winner in Central Level English Language Competition for Students.

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Course Book published by Macmillan Limited in UK has been prescribed for the first year and second year university students. To develop the English language skills of the students, university level competitions on essays, impromptu talk, round-table discussion and debate are held at all universities in every semester. The prize winners of the university level competition and the Department of

Nay Pyi Taw on the 21st of January, 2013. Every participant is to compete in the essay, round-table discussion and impromptu talk competitions.

Then, President U Thein Sein awarded the first-prize winners, and Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye, Union Ministers Dr Mya Aye and Dr Ko Ko Oo, second-prize winners in the competitions.



President U Thein Sein presents prize to a winner in Central Level English Language Competition for Students.—MNA

A total of 40 under-graduate level—students—16 at post-graduate level and 24 at participated in the competitions.—MNA

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye gives a prize to winner in English Language Competition for Students.

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President U Thein Sein calls ...

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respecting the goodwill of the government, working hard with honesty and repaying their loans in full on schedule.

Myanmar has over 64,000 villages and the government is making efforts to ensure smooth transportation, potable water and electricity supply and promote education, health and economic status in rural regions with local and foreign assistance. **Village administrators, elected by people are key to development of rural villages.** They are obliged to enforce law, to ensure there are no gambling, bootlegging, two- or three-digit gambling, and illicit drugs. Only then, the rural villages will free from crimes, rapes, thefts, and robberies under the rule of law, necessary for economic, education, health and social development

drive. No progress can be made without peace and stability, the rule of law and unity. **The authority is not granted to abuse it but to give the leadership for development of an institution.**

People-centered administration is in practice now. Apart from township and village administrators in townships and villages, there are township and village cooperation committees made up of townselders, community elders and elected persons from township development committees. In addition, there are Hluttaw representatives in townships. If they work for development of own townships, wards and villages with a sense of cooperation and coordination and in unity, townships, wards and villages would develop by leaps and bounds. The

Union government, the region/state governments are ready to help and fulfill what they can. Citizens are required to work on their own for development of their own townships, wards and villages and are to be self-reliant without depending on others for self-improvement.

In conclusion, only when there is rural development, would township development follow. Only when townships are developed, the regions and states would see progress, leading to national development. Myanmar has high potential for development and the quick win could be achieved if everyone works hard in unison.

Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan called on villagers for organizing five-member groups to form basic cooperative societies in villages to seek small loans from the ministry.

At present, K 100,000 as loan was disbursed to each household. Depending on amount of loans paid back by farmers, the loan will be raised to K 500,000. Those who had borrowed K 500,000 must save K 50,000. When the scheme is in full swing, they will be allowed to take out savings for capital.

The Union ministry launched the micro-credit schemes to help the people enjoy sustainable development within four or five years, selling cars, motorbikes and sewing machines to the people at grass-root level through installments.

The Union ministry sets its aim of conducting the micro-credit schemes across the country in 2015 as part of efforts for improvement of socio-economy of the people and poverty alleviation.

Being the second pillar of the State economy, the cooperative societies are to

be upgraded in striving for growth of State economy through market economic system. Depending on regional conditions and wishes of farmers, cooperative societies are to be upgraded, he said.

Moreover, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and other relevant ministries are to join hands in undertaking underground water tapping, dredging of lakes, production of quality strains of crops and establishment of commodity supply chains.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Union Minister U Thein Nyunt reported that 6339 acres of land have been reclaimed and 252 agricultural machinery are being used on the farmland and 462 farmers have been trained to use the machinery.

A total of 81428 farmers from 187 village-tracts in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area have already been granted certificates for land ownership and 203 basic

cooperative societies have already been set up in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Nay Pyi Taw Council and cooperative societies have disbursed agricultural loans to the farmers.

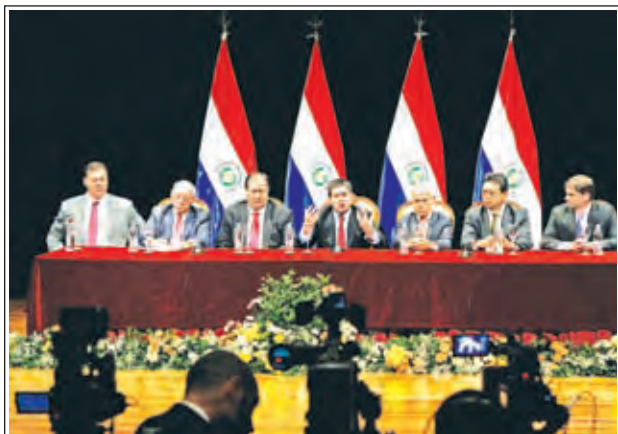
The total amount of loans granted to the people during the ceremony has reached over K 720 million while 20 saloon cars, 14 tricycle-motorized vehicles, 70 motorbikes, 20 trishaws and 150 sewing machines were sold to the people through installment.

Besides, as part of efforts for promoting cooperative societies, 87 agricultural machinery worth K204.675 million were sold to the societies by installment.

After the ceremony, the President and dignitaries watched the documentary photos and vehicles, sewing machines and agricultural machinery sold to the people on hire purchase at the ceremony.

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WORLD



Paraguayan economist Ramon Jimenez Gaona, diplomat and future Foreign Affairs Minister Eladio Loizaga, Vice President Juan Afara, newly inaugurated President Horacio Cartes, economist German Rojas, Minister of Trade and Industry Hugo Roig, and interim Central Bank Chief Ronald Holst attend a news conference in Asuncion on 16 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

First settlement reached in Penn State sex abuse civil case

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug —Pennsylvania State University has agreed to a settlement with a 25-year-old man who was sexually abused by former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky in a campus shower, the man's attorney said late on Saturday.

It is the first of 26 claims to be finalized in the Sandusky scandal, Philadelphia attorney Tom Kline told Reuters. He declined to give details of the settlement but the university has approved spending \$60 million for the payouts.

The man, known as Victim 5 in court proceedings, was assaulted by Sandusky in August 2001, six months after then-graduate assistant Michael McQueary reported to university officials that he saw Sandusky rape a boy in a campus shower.

"My client is relieved,"

Kline said in a telephone interview. "He was dragged into this as someone who had a knock on the door from the state police. He didn't seek this out."

The settlement was reached on Friday, he said. It was first reported by the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper on Saturday.

Sandusky was convicted last year on 45 counts of abusing 10 boys in a 15-year period. Sandusky, 69, was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison in a case that tarnished the reputation of late Penn State coach Joe Paterno and focused national attention on child sexual abuse.

Because the assault occurred so soon after the McQueary report and took place on campus, Victim 5's case was considered pivotal in reaching a settlement with other victims, Kline said.—Reuters

Afghan official says attorney general sacked over secret Taliban meeting

KABUL, 19 Aug—Afghan President Hamid Karzai has sacked his attorney general after the chief law officer held an unsanctioned meeting with Taliban peace negotiators in the United Arab Emirates, a senior Afghan official and a legislator told Reuters on Monday.

Attorney General Muhammad Isaaq Aloko met members of a Taliban peace negotiation team in Dubai despite being told by the Presidential Palace not to attend the meeting, the official said.

"He was instructed not to go," said the official, who

declined to be identified.

A prominent member of parliament also said Aloko had been sacked.

But an official in Aloko's office denied that his boss had been dismissed, saying he was at the Presidential Palace "celebrating Independence Day" on Monday.

Peace talks between the Karzai administration and the Taliban are seen as crucial to averting another round of war as Afghanistan's NATO-led force prepares to end its military mission by the end of next year.

Reuters

Spirit of boom-time mortgages lives on in Europe

ATHENS/BERLIN, 19 Aug—Remember the days when you could take a mortgage big enough to buy the house and furnish it, a car to park outside and a holiday to celebrate — all on a repayment schedule that only Methuselah could honour?

Those days have never gone away in pockets of Europe. While countries like Spain and Ireland battle to reform the boom-era mortgage lending that has left millions of borrowers at risk of losing their homes, corners of the continent better known for their sturdy finances seem to be still lending as if the financial crisis never happened.

In the AAA-rated Netherlands, home to one

of the earliest and biggest bailouts of the crisis — ABN Amro's 2008 rescue ultimately cost 30 billion euros — first-time buyers can still borrow up to 105 percent of the value of their new home and can get up to five and a half times their gross salary. A deflating housing bubble means the Dutch government is now cutting back on some of the riskier mortgage products so the maximum amount lent will fall by 2018, but still only to 100 percent.

And in AAA-rated Sweden, a mortgage will outlast the youngest buyer, and their grandchildren.

Such disparities show the lack of coherence in the 28 lending markets that will become part of the re-

gion's grand banking union, which is designed to create a more harmonised financial system, though it is unlikely to have a direct impact on access to credit for citizens.

In Greece, banks will now only fund 70 percent of the house price compared with 100 percent before the crash, putting home purchase beyond the reach of most after six years of recession.

With an unemployment rate of nearly 27 percent, twice the euro zone average, young Greeks have to rent, if they can, or lean upon the hospitality of their parents — an uncomfortable compromise in a country that traditionally has had one of the highest

home ownership rates in Europe.

"You have dreams and plans of starting a life together, and then reality hits you," said Vasiliki Dimitriadou, who lives with her husband in her parents' small, three-bedroom apartment in Athens.

Vasiliki, 32, lost her job at a nursery a year ago, and her husband, who works at a small construction company, fears for his job, too. Without cash, they can't afford to rent, let alone buy. "There were things we took for granted, like having your own house, that are now a luxury," she said. "I don't see any light, our generation has been destroyed."

Reuters

New Zealand announces plans for Fonterra tainted dairy inquiry

WELLINGTON, 19 Aug—New Zealand on Monday announced plans for a government inquiry into how ingredients made by dairy giant Fonterra became contaminated with a botulism-causing bacteria, as the country tries to salvage its reputation as an exporter of safe agricultural products.

The inquiry, to be held alongside two internal Fonterra investigations and another by the country's agricultural regulator, will examine how the potentially contaminated products entered the international market and whether adequate regulatory practices were in place to deal with the issue. "This will provide the answers needed to the questions that have been raised about this incident, both domestically and internationally," said Primary Industries Minister Nathan Guy, who is leading the inquiry along with Food Safety Minister Nikki Kaye.

"It is also an important step in reassuring our trading partners that we take these issues seriously," he said in a statement. The contamination announced earlier this month has led to product recalls in countries from China to Saudi Arabia. Fonterra, the world's largest dairy exporter, has come under attack at home and abroad for dragging its feet in disclosing the discovery of the bacteria.

Reuters

A driver stands with her car on a hot summer day as she and other drivers wait in line to enter Spain, at its border with the British overseas territory of Gibraltar, on 16 Aug, 2013. British Prime Minister David Cameron on Friday asked European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso to "urgently" send monitors to Gibraltar's border with Spain where tightened security checks are fuelling a row between the two countries. The Gibraltar International Airport is seen in the back. Picture taken on 16 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS



Madagascar court bars Rajoelina and Lalao from election

ANTANANARIVO, 17 Aug —Madagascar's electoral court has barred the incumbent president, Andry Rajoelina, and the wife of a long-standing rival from standing in the next presidential election, the court said. The decision by Rajoelina and Lalao Ravalomanana, wife of the Indian Ocean island's previous leader, unseated by Rajoelina in a 2009 coup, to stand in the election led to donors suspending financing for the poll.

As a result, the vote has been delayed by a month to 23 August, and analysts say there are now doubts whether it will happen at all. The court also struck former president Didier Ratsiraka from the list of candidates.

It cited "an anomaly in the application of the law" but gave no further reasons for its decision. It was not immediately clear if the prospective candidates had recourse to appeal.

The African Union, the South African Development Community (SADC) and key donors such as France and the European Union had applied heavy pressure to try to prevent the candidacies.

Madagascar slid into turmoil that scared off investors and hurt the vital tourism industry after the former disc jockey Rajoelina seized power from Marc Ravalomanana with military support. Foreign donors froze budget support and the AU suspended

Madagascar's membership.

Both men agreed in January not to contest the election. However, Rajoelina accused Lalao Ravalomanana of breaking this deal when she put herself forward in April after returning from self-imposed exile in South Africa, and rejoined the presidential race. Neither Rajoelina nor Lalao Ravalomanana was immediately available for comment. In a statement, the African Union said the removal of their names from the electoral list marked "an important step towards the creation of the conditions needed ... for a transparent and credible presidential election".

Reuters



Supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi carry an injured demonstrator who was shot during clashes in front of Azbkyia police station at Ramses Square in Cairo. REUTERS

REGIONAL

Thai economy expands 2.8% in second quarter of 2013

BANGKOK, 19 Aug — Thailand's gross domestic product in the second quarter of 2013 grew 2.8 percent on the year, compared with 5.4 percent growth in the first quarter, a government agency said on Monday.

Akom Termittayapaist, secretary general of the National Economic and Social Development Board, told a Press conference that factors such as a slowdown of household consumption and internal

investment were behind the second quarter result. He said people who received refunds from the government's "first-car" tax rebate program had already spent a lot of money in the previous quarter, resulting in reduced growth in the second quarter. The country's economic growth also depends on tourism, in which the number of tourists is still increasing, according to the NESDB chief.

"It is good that the

number of tourists is continuing to increase, but we have to monitor the political situation...If we have political turmoil, tourism would be directly affected, the government has to manage it well," he said.

Due to some risk factors, the NESDB also projected that GDP in 2013 will expand between 3.8 percent to 4.3 percent, down from its earlier projection of between 4.2 percent to 5.2 percent.—Kyodo News



Armed paramilitary policemen chant slogans as they stand in formation during a training session to ensure the security of the upcoming 12th Chinese National Games in Shenyang, Liaoning province on 16 Aug, 2013. The National Games will be held in the city from 31 August to 12 September.

REUTERS

First minister meeting for 16-nation free trade pact to begin

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 19 Aug — Sixteen Asia-Pacific nations including Japan and China will begin on Monday their first minister-level negotiations toward the creation of one of the world's largest free trade blocs.

In the meeting in Brunei, ministers of the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their six regional partners are expected to discuss ways to proceed with negotiations on lowering and eliminating tariffs for the envisioned Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

The latest meeting comes just days before

Brunei hosts a round of talks for another free trade pact, the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Japan joined the TPP talks last month as the 12th member.

The RCEP economies announced the start of talks in November 2012 and held the first round of working-level negotiations in May, aiming to conclude a deal by 2015.

Designed to bring together the 10 ASEAN countries, Japan, China, South Korea, India, Australia and New Zealand, the successful conclusion of the RCEP will result in a free trade zone covering over 3 billion people and a third of the global economic output,

according to the Japanese government. ASEAN is comprised of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

As the nations are at various stages of economic development, bridging the differences for a deal that involves deeper engagement than existing ASEAN-related free trade agreements appears to be a difficult task.

While many members of the TPP negotiations overlap with those of RCEP's, the TPP does not involve key economies such as China and India

Kyodo News



People wade through a flooded street near the overflowing Songhua River in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province on 16 Aug, 2013. Floods that have affected northeast China's Heilongjiang province since 10 August, were the most severe to hit the area in decades and have killed 11 people and left three others missing, Xinhua News Agency reported.—REUTERS

China bans more New Zealand dairy products on new contamination scare

WELLINGTON, 19 Aug — More New Zealand milk products sold to China have been banned after elevated levels of nitrates were found, raising further concerns over quality and testing in the world's largest dairy exporter in the wake of a contamination scare earlier this month.

New Zealand's agricultural regulator said on Monday it has revoked export certificates for four China-bound consignments of lactoferrin manufactured by Westland Milk Products after higher-than-acceptable nitrate levels were

found by tests in China.

Two of the four consignments had been shipped to China but had not reached consumers, New Zealand's Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) said.

"Any food safety risk to Chinese consumers is negligible because the quantities of lactoferrin used in consumer products was very small, meaning the nitrate levels in those products would easily be within acceptable levels", Scott Gallacher, the acting director general of the MPI, said in a statement. The announcement comes

just weeks after Westland's much bigger competitor, Fonterra, said some of its dairy ingredients were contaminated with a botulism-causing bacteria. This prompted a recall of infant formula products, sports drinks and other products in China, New Zealand and other Asia-Pacific nations.

"All of the product has been located, none of it has entered the retail food chain," Westland Chief Executive Rod Quin told Reuters. "We're well aware of the wider context of the issue and related concerns, so we've acted to make sure

the product doesn't go any further." China's top quality watchdog said it had halted all imports of the product from Westland and asked other New Zealand dairy companies exporting lactoferrin to provide nitrate test reports.

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of China urged the New Zealand government to thoroughly scrutinise its dairy companies as well as their products to ensure the safety of exports to China, New Zealand's top dairy market.—Reuters



Rescuers search for survivors and bodies near a damaged cargo vessel, which collided with a ferry on Friday, in Talisay, Cebu on 17 August, 2013. A Philippine ferry sank after colliding with a container ship owned by a company involved in the world's worst peacetime maritime disaster, killing at least 24 people and leaving more than 200 missing, the coast guard said on Saturday.

REUTERS

Samoa may reopen casino process after China bid falters

CANBERRA, 19 Aug — The tiny South Pacific nation of Samoa could reopen the bidding for a casino licence, a move likely to upset religious leaders, after halting talks with a Chinese tourism group that is facing allegations of corruption.

China's Exhibitions Tourism Group (ETG) had planned to build a 500-room hotel and casino in the cash-strapped country

of 190,000, which is heavily reliant on foreign aid and money sent home from citizens working overseas.

The plan hit a snag when ETG's chairman, Deng Hong, came under investigation for corruption by Chinese Communist Party officials over land deals in mainland China, according to Chinese and Samoan media reports.

The Samoan government withdrew the licence

earlier this month.

"We need to make a decision about whether we go back to market for the licence or whether we just continue on with one license given to a local firm," Samoa Gambling Control Authority chief executive Robbie Kearney told Reuters.

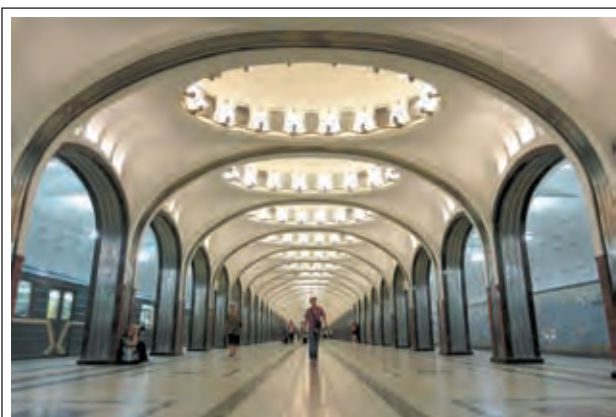
"We may want to go back to market straight away."

The government passed

laws in 2010 for two casino licences, including one for Samoan hotel firm Aggie Grey's, as a way to help recover from a 2009 tsunami that wiped 30 percent off the country's economy.

Samoa was also hit by cyclone in 2012 and a drop in tourism in the wake of the 2008 global financial crunch. Its economy was worth \$677 million in 2012.

Reuters



A man walks through the Mayakovskaya subway station in Moscow, on 17 Aug, 2013.

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Dated 20 August 2013.

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Date 20 August 2013

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Four Kenyan Policemen Killed in suspected al shabaab raid

GARISSA, (Kenya), 17 Aug—Four Kenyan police officers were shot dead in the border county of Garissa when 40 heavily armed men, suspected of belonging to Somali militant group al Shabaab, attacked a police post, a senior regional government official said on Saturday.

The east African nation, which sent its troops into Somalia in late 2011 to pursue the al-Qaeda-linked militants, has suffered a string of gun and grenade attacks claimed by al Shabaab group as retaliation.

"Four administration police officers were killed during the attack and we are now preparing to transport their bodies from the scene," Garissa County Commissioner Rashid Khattori said.

"Our initial assessment points to the attackers being al Shabaab militants who crossed over the border and carried out the hit and run attack," he said.

A local teacher was also injured in the attack at Galmagalla late on Friday, Khattori said.

MNA/Reuters

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Firemen try to extinguish a fire in a factory, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 18 Aug, 2013. A fire broke out on Sunday morning in a sausage factory in Buenos Aires, with no victims reported so far.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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MV ASIAN LEADER VOY NO (34)

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Royal favorite Goulding grabs first UK chart number one

LONDON, 19 Aug— Singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding hit the top of the British singles charts for the first time on Sunday with her song "Burn", the Official Charts Company said. Goulding, 26, who performed at the wedding reception of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011, sold 117,000 copies of her single to take the number one spot from US singer and actress Miley Cyrus.—Reuters

Oprah's 'Butler' cleans up with \$25 million at box office

LOS ANGELES, 19 Aug— "Lee Daniels' The Butler," a civil rights drama starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey, surpassed expectations and easily won the weekend box



Models present wedding outfits at a summer wedding fair in Beijing Exhibition Center, Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2013. The wedding fair, featuring environmental protection and frugality, was held here on 17 - 18 July.

XINHUA

Lindsay Lohan says she's an addict, aims 'to shut up and listen'

NEW YORK, 19 Aug— Weeks after finishing her sixth trip to rehab, actress Lindsay Lohan said in an interview broadcast on Sunday that she was an addict and realizes she needs "to shut up and listen" because her approach to dealing with personal problems had not worked.

"I'm my own worst enemy, and I know that and I admit it," Lohan, 27, told Oprah Winfrey in an interview on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN).

She said she only realized she had a problem "over a period of time" rather than at any one moment.

Reuters

Singer
Luke
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forms on
NBC's
'Today'
show
in New
York, on
16 Aug,
2013.
REUTERS



SPORTS

Arsenal fans call on club to halt Wenger contract talks

LONDON, 19 Aug—Disgruntled Arsenal fans have stoked up the pressure on under-fire manager Arsene Wenger by telling the club's board it would be 'inappropriate' to offer the Frenchman a new contract.

Wenger's deal expires at the end of the season but having failed to win a trophy in the last eight years, the 63-year-old is facing more heat than ever before in his 17 years in North London. Many of the grievances come from Wenger's recruitment policy, with young French forward Yaya Sanogo the only addition of the close season despite the board's assurances the club had money to spend and could compete financially with the elite.

Fans called for investment throughout the disappointing 3-1 home loss to

Aston Villa in their Premier League opener on Saturday, with the Arsenal Supporters Trust (AST) saying contract talks for the manager must be put on hold.

"In recent weeks (chief executive) Ivan Gazidis has spoken of the club's intent to offer Arsene Wenger a new contract. The AST believes this is inappropriate," the group of more than 800 members, who own a handful of shares in the club, said in a statement on Sunday. "There remain important questions about the way player identification, recruitment and remuneration processes are managed at Arsenal. "The failings we highlighted in Arsene Wenger holding too much power have only been amplified in recent weeks. These must be addressed as a matter of urgency."

Wenger, who has won three league titles and four FA Cups with Arsenal, told reporters after Saturday's defeat that he and his team 'work 24 hours a day' to try and identify new recruits and that they analyse 'every single player in the world'.

Arsenal were heavily linked with Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain before he moved to Napoli, Brazil midfielder Luis Gustavo, who went to VfL Wolfsburg, while Live pool have so far rejected all advances for Uruguay forward Luis Suarez. All this while, Premier League rivals Manchester City, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, who all have board members assisting on deals, have invested heavily ahead of the new campaign with the transfer window set to close on 2 Sept.—Reuters



Ganso of Copa Sudamericana champion Sao Paulo pours water on wound after getting injured during Suruga Bank soccer championship match against J league Yamazaki Nabisco Cup champion Kashima Antlers in Kashima.—REUTERS

Bolt, Fraser-Pryce and Farah light up Moscow

MOSCOW, 19 Aug—Toppling Usain Bolt from his sprint throne could take a while yet with the untouchable Jamaican star of track and field still looking down on those who seek to challenge his reign. While his jet engine still roars,

others toil, with the fastest man on earth heading home from the Moscow world championships with another three golds, despite never needing to be at his peerless best. Europe complete Solheim Cup win in record style.—Reuters

Nadal beats Isner to win first Cincinnati crown

CINCINNATI, 19 Aug—Rafa Nadal continued his sizzling hardcourt form beating John Isner 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3) in the final of the Western and Southern Open on Sunday, setting up

the Spaniard as the red-hot favorite heading into the US Open.

Unbeaten on the surface in 15 matches this year and coming off a win in Montreal, the third ranked

Nadal, who will move up to number two on Monday, won back-to-back hardcourt finals on consecutive weeks for the first time in his career.

Reuters

Miami doping scandal casts pall over Dominican baseball

BOCA CHICA, (Dominican Republic), 19 Aug—The crack of bat on ball rings out as lithe young men dart around a baseball field hoping to catch the

eye of Major League scouts looking for the next multi-million-dollar prospect.

When it comes to talent on the baseball diamond, there is nowhere

like the Dominican Republic, which accounts for almost 40 percent of all foreign-born players in the US major leagues.

Reuters



Golf fans arrive at sunrise at the 2013 Solheim Cup at Colorado Golf Club in Parker, Colorado on 17 Aug, 2013. REUTERS

Azarenka beats Williams for Cincinnati title

CINCINNATI, 19 Aug—Victoria Azarenka won a showdown between the world's two top players by beating number one Serena Williams in a three set 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 thriller in the final of the Western and Southern Open on Sunday. For two hours and 30 minutes,

Azarenka and Williams engaged in a seesaw battle before the Belarusian finally clinched the victory, winning a nervy tiebreak 8-6 to prevent the American from ticking a Cincinnati win off her 'bucket list'.

Reuters

Keeper sent off in Brazil for kicking ball into crowd

SAO PAULO, 19 Aug—Atletico Mineiro goalkeeper Victor was sent off for angrily kicking a ball into the crowd after his team's goalless draw at Internacional in the Brazilian championship.

Corinthians forward Alexandre Pato was jeered by his own fans in a 1-0 win over Coritiba and six-times champions Sao Paulo missed another penalty as they extended their winless run to 12 matches in other matches on Sunday. South American champions Mineiro played for more than one hour away to former Brazil coach Dunga's Internacional with 10 men after Fernandinho was sent off for elbowing an opponent, but still managed to hang on for a point. After the final whistle went, goalkeeper Victor immediately collected the ball, turned around and hoofed it into the Internacional fans behind him.

As he left the field, Victor, who had already been booked for time-wasting during the game, was given a second yellow card and sent off. "It wasn't a big deal," he told reporters, adding he had been provoked. "There are matches where you are spat for the whole match and they throw other liquids which you can't identify."

Corinthians fans lost patience with former AC Milan forward Alexandre Pato after he missed two good chances against Coritiba and jeered him off the field when he was substituted by Peru forward Paolo Guerrero.

Guerrero later scored from a penalty to take Corinthians up to fourth with 25 points from 15 games while Coritiba, fading after a good start to the championship, dropped to sixth (24 points).

Reuters



David Storl of Germany competes during the men's shot put final at the IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on 16 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

Flyhalf injury concerns for All Blacks



New Zealand All Blacks player Ben Smith (L) scores a try as Australian Wallabies player Israel Folau tackles him during their Bledisloe Cup rugby test match at Stadium Australia in Sydney on 17 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

WELLINGTON, 19 Aug—New Zealand have further concerns at flyhalf ahead of Saturday's Rugby Championship return match against Australia, with Aaron Cruden and Beauden Barrett picking up injuries in the 47-29 win over the Wallabies.

Cruden, who replaced injured veteran Dan Carter for last Saturday's opener in Sydney, was nursing a sore knee after his man-of-the-match performance, while his stand-in Barrett had sustained a calf injury, the team said on Monday.

Uncapped back Tom Taylor and 10-test flyhalf Colin Slade have been brought into the squad as cover for the pair, who missed training on Monday and were to have scans.

The rash of injuries in the pivotal position has revived memories of New Zealand's struggles at the

2011 World Cup, where first-choice flyhalf Carter and back-up Slade were both sidelined.

Cruden, third in line, came off injured early in the final, and his replacement Stephen Donald eventually kicked the winning penalty to hand the All Blacks an 8-7 win over France.

"We are happy with what we've got and we've been here before," assistant coach Ian Foster told reporters in Wellington.

"Quite honestly, whilst it's disappointing for the guys that have got niggles it's a great opportunity for the other two and it's going to give us a good chance to get a read on them this week."

Injuries have also struck the forwards, with Liam Messam confirmed to miss Saturday after being a late withdrawal for Sydney with a hamstring injury and

Luke Romano a doubt after suffering a groin injury.

Loose forwards Luke Whitelock and Brad Shields were called into the squad as cover for the pair, but rising flanker Steven Luatua is likely to retain his place on the blindside at Wellington Regional Stadium after a solid game in his first start.

"It's one thing coming on and having a cameo when the test match is all over," All Blacks coach Steve Hansen said of 22-year-old Luatua.

"But to get chucked in the deep end like that, you hope you get what we got and he'll get a lot of confidence out of tonight and there's a lot more in him.

"And that's the job of the coaching staff, to help him become an even better player."

Reuters

Amlin first-half profit falls on higher catastrophe losses

LONDON, 19 Aug—Insurer Amlin Plc's first-half profit fell 12.5 percent due to higher catastrophe losses from the recent floods in Europe.

Pretax profit for the six months ended on 30 June, fell to 161.4 million pounds (\$252 million) from 184.4 million pounds a year earlier.

The insurer reported catastrophe losses of 32.2 million pounds compared

to last year when no catastrophe losses were recorded.

Gross written premium rose 1.3 percent to 1.84 billion pounds.

Shares in the FTSE-250 company, Lloyd's of London's largest listed British underwriter, closed at 391.3 pence on Friday on the London Stock Exchange. (\$1 = 0.6405 British pounds)

Reuters

For 'Biggest Loser' trainer, diet trumps exercise in weight loss

NEW YORK, 19 Aug—Celebrity trainer Bob Harper, of the weight-loss TV show "The Biggest Loser," has built a career putting very obese people through some grueling fitness paces but if he's learned anything from the experience, it's that diet trumps exercise every time.

The Los Angeles-based trainer, who was born on a cattle farm in Tennessee and arrived in California some 20 years ago, said gone are the days when he believed it was possible to just exercise

the pounds away.

"It is all about your diet," Harper, 48, said during a break from filming Season 15 of the long-running US show. "I used to think a long time ago that you can beat everything you eat out of you and it's just absolutely not the case."



Harper has spun his TV fame improving the fitness of people who are 100 pounds (45 kg) or more overweight into an empire with DVD workouts and the best-selling book "The Skinny Rules," which offers tips to drop excess weight.—Reuters

Trainer Bob Harper takes part in a panel discussion of NBC Universal's show "The Biggest Loser" during the 2013 Winter Press Tour for the Television Critics Association in Pasadena, California on 6 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

Rupee, rupiah lead emerging market slide on Fed fears



An employee counts Indian rupee currency notes inside a private money exchange office in New Delhi on 5 Jul, 2013.

REUTERS

MUMBAI/JAKARTA, 19 Aug—India's rupee crashed to a record low and the Indonesian rupiah hit a 4-year trough on Monday, as the expected withdrawal of US monetary stimulus prompts investors to shun emerging markets burdened by weak external balances, slowing economies and inflation.

It followed a slide on Friday in Brazil's real, a currency that, like the rupee, has been hammered by investor doubts that actions taken by monetary authorities last week will prove effective in stemming the sell-off. "Our primary concern is that the policy au-

thorities still don't 'get it'—thinking this is a fairly minor squall which will simmer down relatively quickly with fairly minor actions," Robert Prior-Wandesforde, an economist at Credit Suisse in Singapore, wrote in a note on the Indian currency on Monday. Growing expectations that the US Federal Reserve will start scaling back its bond purchases as early as next month, slowing the flow of cheap money into higher yielding overseas assets, have weighed on many emerging markets.

The currencies of countries already struggling with wide current account defi-

cits, such as India and Indonesia, are seen as among the most vulnerable to sudden capital flight and have been hit hardest. "The market is still acting on the negative current account and fiscal deficits," said Nizam Idris, a strategist with Macquarie Capital, when asked about the two Asian laggards.

The latest blow for Indonesia's currency was delivered by central bank data released late on Friday that showed the current account deficit grew to 4.4 percent of GDP in the second quarter of the year, from 2.4 percent in the previous quarter.

"Although the current level of reserves is still equivalent to a reasonably healthy 5.5 months of imports, the Bank can't continue to burn reserves at the current rate without the market worrying about a 'crisis' scenario unfolding," Credit Suisse said in a note.

Reuters

Smith to undergo medical as Toulon consider offer

JOHANNESBURG, 19 Aug—Former South Africa flanker Juan Smith is to undergo a medical on Monday as he negotiates a possible return to the game with French club Toulon just over six months after announcing his retirement, the French sports daily *L'Equipe* said.

The 32-year-old called time on his playing career in February after aggravating an Achilles tendon

injury that had sidelined him for the previous 18 months.

If passed fit, Smith is likely to be offered a one-year contract, joining fellow Springboks Bakies Botha, Bryan Habana, Danie Rossouw and Joe van Niekerk at the club, the newspaper said.

Smith played 69 times for South Africa and was a member of their 2007 World Cup winning team.

Reuters



People walk past a car stranded in mud after heavy rainfalls hit Fushun, Liaoning province, on 17 Aug, 2013. Another 12 people were reported killed by floods in Liaoning province on Sunday, bringing the death toll in northeast China floods to 37, according to Xinhua News Agency.—REUTERS

63 double cabs/single cabs provided to units of MPF in June 2013



Pyithu Hluttaw session in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—With regard to question asking that **whether there is a plan to build cyclone shelters in appropriate places** in Rakhine State by U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency at today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe replied that plans are underway to build 251 multi-purpose cyclone shelters in Pauktaw, Yathedaung, Myebon and Minbya townships and 162 cyclone shelters in Yanbye, Kyaukpyu, Taungup, Thandwe, Maungdaw,

Gwa, Sittway and Manaung townships in 2014-2015 fiscal year depending on foreign aid. However, there is no plan to construct the cyclone shelters at present, he said.

U Ye Htut Oo of Nattalin Constituency asked whether **there is a plan to provide custody, patrol, security and conflict combating vehicles to Myanmar Police Force**. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that after buying the vehicles through open tender, the procurement committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs will fulfill

the necessary vehicles to the MPF. In June 2013, the ministry received 63 Myanmar double cab/single cabs from Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and distributed them to more units of the MPF.

U Sai Hla Kyaw of Langkho Constituency asked about **draw lots of business companies and whether draw lots will be calculated in levying the tax**. Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung responded that according to the existing laws, the ministry is not authorized to constitute

the supervisory committee for the draw lots of the companies whether they put the lots into the products in line with the commercials.

If the cost of draw lots is appropriate for the work load, the value of lots will be calculated for the exemption of tax. If not, the value of draw lots will not affect calculation for taxation.

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted a proposal **urging the Union government to draft the administrative law at region/state level, district and township level**. Deputy Minister for

Union FM sends message of felicitations to Hungarian FM

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Janos Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of Hungary, which falls on 20 August 2013.—MNA

Ministry of Information, Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) reach agreement over media bill

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The Ministry of Information and the Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) at a meeting held on 12-8-2013 reached an agreement to continue holding discussions on their differences and other remaining topics. This was issued on 12 August 2013 with the Notification No. 1/2013 of the Ministry of Information.

Under the agreement, officials from the Ministry of Information led by Director-General U Ye Tint

on 17 August met with a party led by Chairman of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) U Khin Maung Aye at the office of MPC (Temporary) at Yuzana Tower in Yangon and touched upon 17 differences over the media bill drawn by MPC (Temporary). The two sides have settled 14 differences and they will put forward the remaining three disagreements to the Hluttaw for further debate. *MNA*

Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that if it needs to draw and enact the existing laws at district and township levels in conformity with the current period, the respective departments and organizations concerned may amend and draw the

respective laws in line with the constitution.

Three MPs participated in the discussions, and the Hluttaw decided to put the proposal on record.

The 23rd day session of the Hluttaw continues tomorrow.

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Bill amending Myanmar Trademark Act approved



Deputy Minister U Aung Thein replies to question.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The 22nd-day seventh regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continued today.

MP U Kyaw Thu Oo of Magway Region Constituency No (5) raised question for digging inlet channel in Aungpinle river water pumping project in Minbu (Saku) Township and plan for construction

of retaining walls.

With regard to his questions, Deputy Minister at the President Office U Aung Thein replied that



Dr Htay Win.

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the drains maintenance and blockage clearing works were carried out and channels have been repaired before monsoon paddy water supply.

He continued that both

sides of the channels are farmlands and even if water leak out, it will flow into the farmlands and construction of main canal will be carried out depending on fund allocated. The expansion of inlet channel will be carried out in accord with



U Kyaw Kyaw.—MNA

feasibility level in the open season in cooperation with local authorities, experts from Irrigation Department and local farmers, the deputy minister added.

"If the project is implemented as quickly as possible, it will benefit farmers sooner. I am satisfied with the deputy minister's answer about the project," said U Kyaw Thu Oo.

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Member U Myint Tun read out the bill amending Printing and Publishing Enterprise that was sent back from Pyithu Hluttaw with its amendment.

With regard to the Bill, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill

Committee met Interim Press Council on 24 July and the Ministry of



Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Member U Myint Tun.—MNA

Information on 26 July and scrutinized the suggestions and amendments.

The report suggests that printing and publishing



MP U Kyaw Thu Oo of Magway Region Constituency No (5).

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should be in accordance with freedom of expression and distribution under the respective laws.

The meeting ended in the afternoon and 23rd session continues tomorrow.—MNA